

# Ohio Slavic and East European Newsletter

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## EDITORIAL

305 It has come to the editor's attention that plans are afoot to discontinue Russian at OHIO UNIVERSITY at the end of the 1974/75 academic year. This is most disturbing news to all of us. It is disturbing to see a university which has had a strong undergraduate major program in Russian eliminate this program. It is also discouraging to see one of Ohio's leading institutions of higher education curtail the teaching of Russian at a time when the language is becoming more important because of increasing trade and cultural contacts with the Soviet Union. We have recently called attention to the growing importance of Russian as a language of science (see insert in OSEEN for 17 January 1974) and the need for Russian offerings is growing rather than declining. This move on the part of Ohio's oldest state university sets an unfortunate precedent for other institutions.

It is our feeling that all of us must do as much as possible to support our colleagues at OU to keep Russian. We strongly urge that you get in touch with officials there and urge them to reconsider their decision to eliminate Russian. Letters should be sent to President Claude Sowle, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio with carbon copies to Taylor Culbert, Executive Vice President and Dean of Faculties; John G. Jewett, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, and William Wrage, Chairman, Department of Modern Languages.

We may also wish to discuss this matter at the 30 March meeting of AATSEEL and OSEEC. Please try to be there.

K.E.N.

## APPOINTMENTS

306 The Board of Trustees of THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY have approved the appointment of David F. Robinson as Chairman of the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures effective 1 March 1974. Dr. Robinson has been Associate Professor of Slavic Linguistics at Ohio State since 1969. He is a specialist in Baltic and Slavic linguistics. He has served as acting chairman of the department since 1 September 1973.

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FOUR CONTINENT BOOK CORPORATION WELCOMES THE VISITORS  
AND DELEGATES TO THE ANNUAL OHIO MODERN LANGUAGE  
TEACHERS ASSOCIATION MEETING IN COLUMBUS, OHIO BEING  
HELD AT THE SCOT'S INN ON MARCH 29-30, 1974.

VISIT OUR BOOTH WHERE A LARGE SELECTION OF TITLES, BOTH  
IN RUSSIAN AND ENGLISH, WILL BE DISPLAYED IN VARIOUS  
FIELDS: ART, LITERARY CRITICISM, BELLES LETTRES,  
TEXTBOOKS, DICTIONARIES, SLIDES, ETC.

ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND SPECIAL DISCOUNTS FOR ITEMS  
ON DISPLAY WILL BE GRANTED DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING.

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## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

307 Preliminary Program. OHIO CHAPTER OF AATSEEL & THE OHIO SLAVIC AND EAST EUROPEAN CONFERENCE (OSEEC)

March 30, 1974 1:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Scot's Inn, 4900 Sinclair Rd., Columbus (Right off Interstate 71)

12:00 Noon Informal lunch in main dining room

1:00 - 2:45 P.M. Ohio AATSEEL Program, Carole J. Kuhn, Presiding

Dan Davidson, Amherst College: "Prospects for a Semester in Moscow"  
A program for undergraduates and graduate students under AAASS sponsorship (Prof. Davidson, a member of AAASS's Language Committee has recently returned from a negotiating session in Moscow and will report on some exciting developments).

Robert P. Lewis, Antioch College: "Theatrical Imagery in War and Peace".

Henry P. Ziegler, Princeton High School. A committee report on a High School Honor Society for the State of Ohio.

William N. O'Neil, Kenston High School, Chagrin Falls. A report on the tour of his Russian class to The Soviet Union which he will be leading in April.

Business Meeting, Carole J. Kuhn, Fairfield High School, President, Ohio Chapter of AATSEEL presiding.

2:45 - 3:15 P.M. Coffee

3:15 - 5:00 P.M. OSEEC PROGRAM. Leon I. Twarog, Ohio State University, Presiding

George Prpic, John Carroll University, "Ethnic Communities of Cleveland".  
A report on a research project describing some 25 different nationality groups in the Greater Cleveland Area, including all the Slavic ethnic groups.

Don K. Rowney, Bowling Green State University, Co-Chairman of the International Committee on Banff '74. "A report on Banff '74" The International Committee will have just completed its final meeting prior to Banff '74 a few days prior to the OSEEC meeting.

George Kalbous, The Ohio State University, Executive Secretary of the AAASS.  
A report on Significant National Developments and Projects of AAASS committees.

Leon Twarog, Ohio State University, "1974-75 Outreach Plans of the Center for Slavic and East European Studies".

PLEASE NOTE THAT FOUR CONTINENTS BOOK CORP. WILL HAVE A BOOK EXHIBIT AND SALE AT THIS MEETING. COME EARLY AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY.

## REFERENCE WORKS

*This section will list reference works e.g., dictionaries, bibliographies, grammars, etc. which may be of interest to a large part of the Slavic and East European community. Space limitation at this time makes it impossible to announce the publications of more limited interest.*

308 GREAT SOVIET ENCYCLOPEDIA, a translation of the Bol'shaja sovetskaja encyklopedija is being published. The entire set will be 30 volumes. A special prepublication price for libraries and individuals will be available until 31 May 1974.

Contact: Macmillan Educational Corporation, 866 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022.

## DEVELOPMENTS OF NOTE

309 William N. O'Neil, Russian teacher at KENSTON HIGH SCHOOL in Chagrin Falls announces that he now has formal approval from his School Board to take 17 students from Russian 3 and Russian 4 classes to the Soviet Union during the Spring Vacation. The group will leave April 12 and return April 20. Cities on the itinerary include Helsinki, Leningrad, Moscow, Copenhagen & Amsterdam. Mr. O'Neil has already arranged to have his students meet with their Russian counterparts in both Leningrad and Moscow. Students are paying virtually all of their own costs. Parents have been involved in every meeting held over the past year, and are very enthusiastic supporters of the venture. Mr. O'Neil will report on this to the AATSEEL--OSEEC meetings in Columbus on March 30.

## AREA FACULTY

310 Courses in the East European area offered by OHIO DOMINICAN COLLEGE, Columbus, Ohio 43209, include Russian history, comparative Government: European, History of Communism, and Philosophy of Communism.

These courses are offered by Sr. Evelyn Gearhart, Elmer Lampe and Fr. Basil Boyd.

311 FINDLAY COLLEGE, Findlay, Ohio 45840, offers two courses in East European Studies: Modern Russian and Foreign Policy of the USSR. Both courses are taught by Sharon Bannister.

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

312 THE BULGARIAN STUDIES GROUP (BSG) was formed at the 1971 National Convention of the AAASS in Denver. The BSG is an informal group of scholars in various disciplines who are interested in Bulgaria and Bulgarian studies. In May, 1973, along with the University of Wisconsin-Madison and IREX, the BSG held the First International Conference on Bulgarian Studies in Madison. Along with approximately thirty American participants, there were ten Bulgarian scholars as well as scholars from England and Canada. Officers of the BSG are Charles A. Moser, George Washington University, President; Ernest A. Scatton, University of Virginia, Secretary-Treasurer; and Thomas Meininger, York University, Editor. Further information can be obtained from Professor Ernest Scatton, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia.

*OSEEN lists Positions Available for Slavic and East European Specialists within the State of Ohio, as well as a listing of Positions Wanted for residents of Ohio only. This includes graduate students from universities in Ohio who are actively seeking positions. Descriptions are limited to 50 words, including the address of the person to be contacted. This service is free, but announcements for the same position or individual are limited to two listings in an academic year, spaced at least one month apart. We would appreciate information about how a vacancy has been filled, or if an individual takes himself out of the job market.*

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## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

313 Director Russian House: OBERLIN COLLEGE is looking for a director for its Russian House. A graduate student or other qualified person, female or male, with a native command of Russian, to coordinate and supervise the program and activities of this small co-educational student dormitory (which houses 20 students). The Director would also be expected to assist the teaching staff in the classroom and the language laboratory. Certain limited administrative responsibilities are also involved. Ability to communicate in English is desirable. Oberlin College is an affirmative action and equal opportunity employer. remuneration will be in the vicinity of \$4,000 plus room and board.

Contact: Joseph R. Reichard, Chairman  
Department of German and Russian  
Rice Hall  
Oberlin College  
Oberlin, Ohio 44074

## POSITIONS WANTED

314 Experienced teacher of Russian seeks position beginning 1974-75. Masters Degree in Croatian Language and Literature, University of Zagreb, Yugoslavia. Teaching Certificate in German and Russian, St. Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio. Teaching interests: Croatian Language and Literature, Russian Language and Literature, German Language. Contact: Maria Mikulic, 2820 Gardenia Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio 45239 (513) 522-9366.

315 Ph.D. Spring, 1974, Ohio State University. Can teach Russian language and literature, Russian culture, Soviet Civilization, non-verbal Arts courses. Enthusiastic, innovative language teacher. Comfortable with structuralist, comparative historio-cultural approaches. Special interests: theory, poetry. Dissertation: "Tensions in the Poetry of F. I. Tjutcev". Advisor: Professor Frank Silbajoris. Contact: Albert Wehrle, 690 Trumbull Ct., Columbus, Ohio 43210 (614) 262-7859.

316 Experienced teacher of Russian seeks position beginning 1974-75. Ph.D. expected Spring, 1974. MA, Ohio State University. BA in Russian and German, University of Oregon. Teaching interests: Russian language, Slavic linguistics, Russian literature and folklore, German language. Contact: James Phillips, 1178 E. Broad St., Apt. K-1, Columbus, Ohio 43205.

## POSITIONS WANTED (CONTD.)

317 Ph.D. expected Spring, 1974, Ohio State University. B.A., M.A., Ohio State University. Areas of specialization: Russian language, Slavic linguistics, Russian culture. Can teach Russian literature also. Experienced, energetic teacher. Twice in the Soviet Union: European, Siberian regions. Summer 1972 at Middlebury Russian School. Contact: Ralph E. Weber, 1445-C Worthington Street, Columbus, Ohio 43201 (614) 299-1087.

## MATERIALS AVAILABLE

318 Guide to Audio-Visual Materials has been prepared by the Education Committee of the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SLAVIC STUDIES. The guide, which is produced in mimeograph form, covers materials available and lists sources where they can be obtained. The materials are appropriate for use at the elementary, secondary and college levels. Price \$1 postpaid. Free to elementary and secondary school teachers if request is made on school letterhead.

Available from: AAASS Audio-Visual Guide  
Room 254, 190 West 19th Avenue  
The Ohio State University  
Columbus, Ohio 43210

## HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTORY

319 An addition to the directory of Ohio High Schools offering Slavic and East European Studies is:

Fremont Ross High School  
1100 North Street  
Fremont, Ohio 43420

Courses offered:  
Russian history  
Comparative economic systems  
Comparative government